

**Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee**  
**4141 N. Third Street - Phoenix AZ 85012**  
**September 8, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Arizona State Veteran Home, Room A107**

**M I N U T E S**

**Committee Members Present**

Marcos Andrade (phone)  
Joe Bibich (phone)  
Carol Culbertson  
George Cushing  
Mike Klier  
Randy Meyer  
Kathy Pearce  
Jody Reidenhour

**Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Robert Barnes, Deputy Director  
Diane D'Angelo, Outreach Coordinator

**Absent**

John Aldecoa  
Margy Bons  
Charles McCarty

**Other Attendees**

Jeff Dollins, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Joe Bibich called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Quorum was established at 10:15 a.m.

Assistant Deputy Director Mike Klier introduced Deputy Director Robert Barnes to the Committee. Deputy Director Barnes described his work with MFRF in Louisiana.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the July 30, 2008 open and executive session meetings were approved as written.

**Donation Fund and Promotional Campaign Update**

Diane D'Angelo reported that as of 9/08/08, ADVS has received \$88,184 from 336 donors.

- Approximately 1000 brochures were distributed at the August 28<sup>th</sup> Mercury Game. Commissioner Pearce and Ms. D'Angelo were featured in a PSA at the game.
- Committee Chair Bibich will be promoting MFRF at the Mohave County Fair and the Kingman Rotary Club.
- Secretary Cushing is covering the American Legion Posts in his travels across the state.
- Vice Chair Meyer has approached APS and First Command Financial.
- Commissioner Culbertson has approached all her community groups and has distributed brochures.

- Commissioner Reidenhour has approached TriWest.

Commissioners were reminded to send their outreach efforts to Secretary Cushing for addition to the Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee (MFRFAC) Outreach spreadsheet.

### **MFRF Rules Update**

Assistant Attorney General Jeff Dollins told the Committee that an initial draft of the Rules will be discussed with ADVS management on Friday. Committee Chair Bibich asked whether the MFRFAC will be involved in the rules process, as well as drafting proposed changes to MFRF for the next legislative session. Assistant Deputy Director Klier noted that it is very early in the process, but MFRFAC members will be an integral part of forming rules prior to their submission to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC). Any new MFRF legislative changes will also contain MFRFAC input. Mr. Dollins noted that the Rules will replace the MFRF Policies & Procedures approved by the Committee earlier this year.

### **Call to the Public**

Speaking as a citizen, Joe Bibich encouraged MFRFAC members to ask politicians where they stand on veterans' issues.

### **Adjournment**

Committee Chair Bibich adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.